

REMARKS

Claims 31, 36-38, 40-47, and 55, as amended, are pending in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration.

Claim 31 was amended to delete the proviso that when R¹ is CH₃ and Ar is 3-pyridyl, then R cannot be OCH₂CH=CH₂ or OCH₂C(CH₃)=CH₂.

No new matter has been added. Therefore, it is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance.

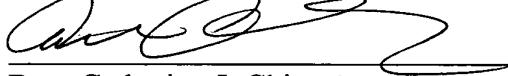
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and request reconsideration of the claims and allowance thereof. If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions to expedite allowance of this application, however, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the undersigned to discuss the matter further.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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